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THE LAKE CITY OF THE MOUNTAINS

The Great Lake Practically a Sure Thing — \$20,000 Raised by Popular Subscription—Enthusiastic Mass Meeting—A Definite Proposition Submitted to the Outside Capitalists—Believed they will Accept.

Water to be in the Lake by this Fall—A Great National Celebration has been Proposed—The Southern Railway Company's Attitude—Complete List of Subscribers—What's the Matter with Hendersonville?

The lake matter has at last assumed definite, tangible shape, and it is safe to say it will be built and water in it possibly not later than this coming fall.

The directors of the Hendersonville Lake, Land & Power Company met in President Toms' office last Monday, and a definite proposition was submitted to the outside capitalists. The written proposition was accompanied by the bond to be given by the new company, and authorized statements of just what the county commissioners and the city authorities intend doing, also a list of the subscribers, and the amounts given by the citizens of Hendersonville.

This proposition is to be accepted and the bond filed within 80 days.

Until that is done it is not certain, of course, that the lake will be built by the present promoters, but on the highest authority we state that in all probability they will accept this proposition, and that dirt will fly within 60 days.

This makes the culmination of the most gigantic scheme of its kind ever inaugurated in the south. It was counted originally an idle dream, a vision of over-enthusiastic men, and it seems now about to become a reality. The undertaking has not been brought this far without meeting bitter opposition, and it has overcome it and convinced its opponents of its worth and value. Some of the busiest men in the city have devoted their best business and legal talent to the lake scheme, and when it is built it must stand as a memorial to the remarkable public spirit shown in this town and to the untiring energy and perseverance of some of its representative men, who have snatched victory from defeat, and who have made a practical certainty of an undertaking which seemed more than once on the verge of collapse.

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So much has been written and said of the future of Hendersonville under the great impetus it will receive from this lake, that it seems hardly necessary to add anything to it. It has been suggested, however, that the town adopt as its motto, "Ten thousand inhabitants by 1910." It is claimed this is entirely feasible and the population of Hendersonville will certainly reach that figure by 1910.

The work of building the dam and clearing out the wood will be carried on at the same time. There will be a magnificent boulevard entirely around the lake. This boulevard will be distant 100 feet from the water's edge, and the intervening space will be in grass and studded with trees, shrubs and flowers. An electric line will traverse the city and this boulevard, making it easily accessible. The great road, 80 miles in length will be illuminated by electric lights of different colors, sufficient power for which and for operating the cars will be generated at the dam.

The boating and fishing privileges will remain with the company, who have already indicated that their policy in that matter will be to charge a minimum price, only sufficient to give the people proper service. Rowboats, naphtha launches and sailboats will be for hire, and ample provision will be made for proper bathing facilities.

The company will be obliged to expend a vast amount of money to bring about this transformation, which will oblige them to obtain high prices for their land in order to secure even a fair return on their very heavy investment and risk.

This will insure a high-class of buyers for their 1,500 acres. These buyers, in the natural course of events, will improve their property by the erection of handsome residences, and before many years

land to sell, they will have to advertise it, and it and Hendersonville, will be given a degree of publicity never dreamed of by the citizens of this town.

The Southern Railway has shown its great interest in Hendersonville by the extremely liberal and generous manner it has taken hold of their part of the scheme. Without undue solicitation, and quick to see the advantages accruing to Hendersonville and to itself from the successful carrying out of the gigantic plan, this great corporation readily assented to raising its tracks and the tracks of the Broad road, and to building a high bridge. The spirit in which the Southern officials met the overtures of the Lake officials is worthy of the highest commendation, and is fully appreciated by the lake company and by the citizens of the town. The negotiations between the two companies have been carried on in the pleasantest manner, and from the start the Southern Railway has manifested a disposition to encourage and help to the utmost of its ability.

The Mass Meeting.

At a mass meeting called by the officers of the lake company for last Tuesday night, over \$12,000 was subscribed to make up the difference between what the land owners ask and what the outside capitalists are ready to pay. This amount was increased to \$20,000 later.

The meeting was undoubtedly the most enthusiastic ever held in this city. The big court room was packed and the enthusiasm was unbounded. Mr. N. Curtis stated his objections to the lake, but he was alone in his objections, and his opposition seemed all that was necessary to make the audience give more liberally.

Subscriptions of \$1000 and \$500 each came in thick and fast. Each new subscriber was greeted with cheering and stamping of feet and clapping of hands. The ladies were out in large numbers and were by no means backward in their expressions of approval of the liberal contributions made.

The scene was one long to be remembered and is a faint indication of the popularity of the great scheme. No one can question the fact that to build the lake the people of this town are ready to dig down into their own pockets, and liberally, too.

What little opposition has been manifested during the inception and working out of the great plan seems to have disappeared, and there seems, at this time to be but one desire on the part of the people, and that is to build the lake and build it soon.

Men present at the meeting afterwards stated it as their belief that hardly in any other town in the whole south would it have been possible to witness such enthusiasm, such public spirit and such a willingness to make personal sacrifices for the public good. They were loud in their outspoken admiration of Hendersonville and of its citizenship and could see nothing but the brightest future for a community where such a spirit was manifested.

Malarial Fever.

At the mass meeting last Thursday, reference was made to the alleged danger of malaria here, in case the lake was built. As every one living here knows, malaria does not exist in this climate, and never has. Even Mud Creek swamps have been unable to pro-

duce it, and thousands of people have come here suffering with the disease to be cured, and invariably have been cured. Malaria does not and cannot exist here. Hendersonville is immune, as she demonstrated she was when she threw open her gates to the yellow fever refugees, when all the world was maintaining a shot gun quarantine against them.

However, as the question has been brought up, we are glad of an opportunity to say a few words in reference to the matter.

A few citations from "The Reference Handbook of the Medical Sciences," edited by Buck (Wood & Company, New York, 1887) will bear us out in our contention. The "Handbook" is a recognized authority amongst the leaders of the medical profession:

"The malarial miasm is assumed to arise during the retrogression of organic matter to the inorganic state under favorable conditions as to water and heat. When the moisture is in excess, as when the ground is wholly covered with water, there is no malarial."

"The generally accepted theory of malarial evolution calls for the concurrence of an organic soil, a certain degree of heat, and a certain degree of moisture." (The conditions prescribed do not exist here.)

"Dams, lakes and ponds, with an equable water-level and defined margins, are not unhealthy, but grounds that are alternately submerged and exposed are malarious."

"The mists that gather at night-fall and hover until sunrise suggested the concentration and condensation of the morbid principle in the watery vapor: but Vauquelin and other chemists failed to discover a specific poison in the organic matter with which it was contaminated."

ROLL OF HONOR.

A Complete List of Subscribers to The Lake Fund.

We, the undersigned citizens of Henderson county being convinced that something will have to be done by the public in order to overcome the difference in the prices of land required for the lake company, as asked by the owners and offered by the parties to whom we look to take up and carry out the project, feeling that the consummation of this project will justify it:

We agree and hereby bind ourselves to contribute to T. C. Williams Jr., and others the sums set opposite our names and pay the same as soon as the dam is built and the basin is cleared out and filled with water:

W A Smith Shoreland	1000
" " cash	1000
H S Anderson	1350
J Williams	1000
W A Garland	750
Clarke Hardware Co.	500
Henry Jordan	500
M C and C F Toms	500
Mrs C D Hurt	500
G H Valentine	500
C Few (in land)	500
A C Johnson	500
A L Holmes & P F Patton	500
Jackson & Morris	500
U G Stator	500
Chas A Hobbs	500
S F Wheeler	500
Miss Annie W Atkinson	500
A. A. Gates	500
G G Hyder	300
J C Morrow	250
Commercial Bank	250
Bank of Hendersonville	250
J L Egerton	250
Dr A B Guegard	250
Claud Brown	250

Dr F W Eubank	200
Eubank & Eubank	200
Hville Wholesale Grocery Co.	100
T C McNeely	100
S Johnston	100
R H Stator & W C Rector	100
Pace, Ficker, Co.	100
W P Williams	100
C E Pless	100
F. V. Hunter	100
L B Morse	100
L W Walker (Bottling works)	100
J D Boyd, & Miss Nettie Legrand	100
J M Waldrop	100
W H Hawkins & Son	100
Mrs L S Pender	100
I H Cantell	100
J F Rowland	100
J B Sherman	100
M D Barnette	100
Miss Virginia Lane	100
Mayor King	100
C E Brooks	100
Sheriff J L Freeman	100
J P Case	100
Wm Hewitt	100
W H Justus	100
G M Glazener	100
The French Broad Hustler	100
C E Wilson	100
C M Pace	100
Michael Schenck	100
John S Carson	100
E G Stillwell	100
J M Stepp	100
B S Smith	100
Mrs A E Posey	50
A Ficker	50
T B Carson	50
T O Ireal	50
T A Jackson	50
Claude Pace	50
T B Gibson	50
Chas O Smith	50
Burckmyer Bros	50
Walker Smith	50
B L Brooks	50
Capt J W Wofford	50
G W Brooks	50
Jos McCreary	50
Jas A Laughter	50
H D Hyder	50
Bennett Bros	50
A J Newman	50
Flinn & Ramsey	35
R I Lowndes	25
J B Lyda	25
J M Rhodes	25
J O Williams	25
Miss Florence Jordan	25
W B Orr	25
M L Pace, & Co.	25
J W McIntyre	25
J W Stradley	25
J W Smathers	25
Francis & Barnwell	25
F S Thomas	25
C E Laughter	20
C M Laughter	10
O H Orr	10
W E Shipman	10
10 \$5 subscriptions	50

and from a quarter to three-quarters of a mile in breadth. Winding around the base of vast, rocky mountains in its upper part, it is only seen in its successive portions, the scenery on its margins presenting new and striking objects at every successive stretch. Derwentwater is of irregular figure, approaching to an oval, about three miles in length and from one to one and a half miles in breadth. It is seen at one view, expanding within an amphitheatre of mountains, rocky but not vast, broken into many fantastic shapes, opening by narrow valleys the view of rocks which are immediately beyond, and which are again overlooked by others. Its shores are well wooded islands.

Thus it will be seen that while Derwentwater, the most beautiful lake in England, is slightly wider than the Hendersonville lake, the latter has three branches, each of which is as long as Derwentwater, and one, the Bats Fork branch, is much longer.

From the town of Hendersonville the lake, like the famous English lake, may nearly all be seen expanding at one view, only the upper reaches disappearing behind heavily wooded hills, only to reappear again, soft and hazy, in the distance.

Like the English Lake, it is situated in an amphitheatre of mountains, softened to low hills and pleasant upland risings along the lake shore. The highest mountain visible from the English lake is Scawfell Pike, 3210 feet above sea level. The highest peak visible from our lake is Mt. Pisgah, 6,600 feet above sea level, while several peaks of the Balsam range are more than 6000 in height. Nearer and less elevated, though grander in massive outline, to the southwest is Pinnacle, while to the east and southeast are Bear Wallow, Bald Mountain, Sugar Loaf and Tryon, each from four to six thousand feet high. The nearer peaks overshadowing the lake are Stoney and the range of mountains encircling Hendersonville on the west, culminating in Jump-off and Mt. Hebron.

Lisbon is considered the most beautifully situated city in Europe, not even excepting Naples. It has on one side a broad river, expanding into a bay. The city stands upon a range of low hills, backed by a lofty range of granite mountains. The situation of Hendersonville, when the lake is completed, will resemble that of Lisbon. Fronting on a broad and beautiful lake, with a magnificent background composed of a semi-circle range of mountains, sweeping down to the lake shore on the north and west, Hendersonville will truly be a city beautiful, a picture to feast the eye upon, set in a frame more beautiful than the hand of man is capable of making.

The Blue Ridge mountains sweep around Hendersonville to the eastward, from a northeast to a southwest direction. The three heads of the lake approach to within half a mile of the great watershed separating the waters of the Atlantic Ocean from those of the Mississippi Valley. The average elevation of the lake will be 2,250 feet above sea level, far above the reach of malaria or other diseases incident to the low lands.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of all Democrats of the town of Hendersonville will be held at the Court House on April 16, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and three Aldermen for the town, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting. All Democrats are urged to attend this meeting.

This April 3, 1907.
C. E. BROOKS,
Chairman Dem. Ex. Com.
V. C. V. SHEPHERD, Sec'y.

NATIONAL CELEBRATION

To W. A. Smith must be given the credit for the unique idea of a national celebration when the lake is completed. He proposes to have a committee of men such as Gov. Glenn and Mr. Geo. Vanderbilt and others, invite, in the name of the city, a long list of the notable men of the country to be present at a great celebration to be held about two years from now. It is claimed it would by no means be difficult to have men of national prominence here for an event of such importance, and that it would be but a fitting climax that men whose names are famous the world over should be in attendance upon an event which will itself be world famous. Mr. Smith originated the idea, which has been heartily commended by all who have heard of it.

the entire drive will be bordered by hundreds of beautiful estates. It requires no imagination to picture the future of Hendersonville when this condition arrives. He would be a bold man, indeed, who would now draw a picture of this town's future. Let it suffice, that the town will be unique. It will have unquestionably the most beautiful artificial lake in the world. It will be an irresistible attraction to the tourists of the whole country, if not the world, for nowhere in the world will there be anything of like nature to surpass it.